

Application No. 10/720,076  
Amendment dated August 23, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of June 23, 2005

Docket No.: 0698-0168P

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Attached hereto is one (1) sheet of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

In Fig. 1, elements 13 and 21 have been labeled as “serial number bar code” and “storage device,” respectively.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 remain present in this application.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner has specifically noted that elements 13 and 21 in Fig. 1 should be labeled as to their function. Although these elements are clearly described in the specification, attached hereto is a corrected Fig. 1, in which elements 13 and 21 have been labeled as "serial number bar code" and "storage device," respectively. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of any objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner considers claims 1-10 to be allowable. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as a whole should now be in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

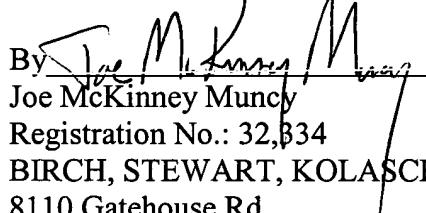
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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